

RESOLUTION NO. 91-07

BY: **NICHOLAS CELEBREZZE****A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO
INCREASE FUNDING FOR OLDER
AMERICANS ACT (OAA) PROGRAMS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act (OAA) is the backbone of services to America's aging population. It provides such critical programs as Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, senior center services, transportation, protection against elder abuse, support for family caregivers, and jobs for low-income older Americans; and

WHEREAS, the OAA is woefully underfunded. Its appropriations have been frozen since Fiscal Year 2002. Purchasing power has been seriously eroded by inflation and the increasing number of seniors in need; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgency for Congress to work for an increase in OAA appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (an increase of approximately \$185 Million) and for start-up funding for newly authorized programs; and

WHEREAS, OAA programs help to preserve the health and independence of our nation's seniors. OAA spending actually saved taxpayers' dollars by reducing premature nursing home placement, averting malnutrition and controlling chronic health conditions – thus reducing Medicaid and Medicare expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the City of Parma hereby urges Congress to increase funding by ten (10%) percent for all titles and programs of the OAA and for start-up funding for newly authorized programs for the Fiscal Year 2008.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senators Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich and Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Act (OAA) programs

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to preserve the health and independence of our Nation’s seniors, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:_____	_____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:_____ CLERK OF COUNCIL	APPROVED:_____
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:_____	_____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO